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Application of Emmanuel MARILLY, Stephane BETGEBREZETZ,

Olivier MARTINOT, Michel CHEVANNE, Gerard DELEGUE

A LOCAL ASSURANCE MANAGEMENT DEVICE FOR AN EQUIPMENT

ELEMENT IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Assignee: ALCATEL Our Ref. Q80686

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 23 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE CALCULATING THE FEE

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

 Total claims
 33 - 20 = 13 x
 \$18.00 = \$234.00

 *Independent claims
 1 - 3 = x
 \$86.00 = \$.00

 Base Fee
 \$770.00

 TOTAL FILING FEE
 \$1004.00

 Recordation of Assignment
 \$40.00

 TOTAL FEE
 \$1044.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1004.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

France

0303835

March 28, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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